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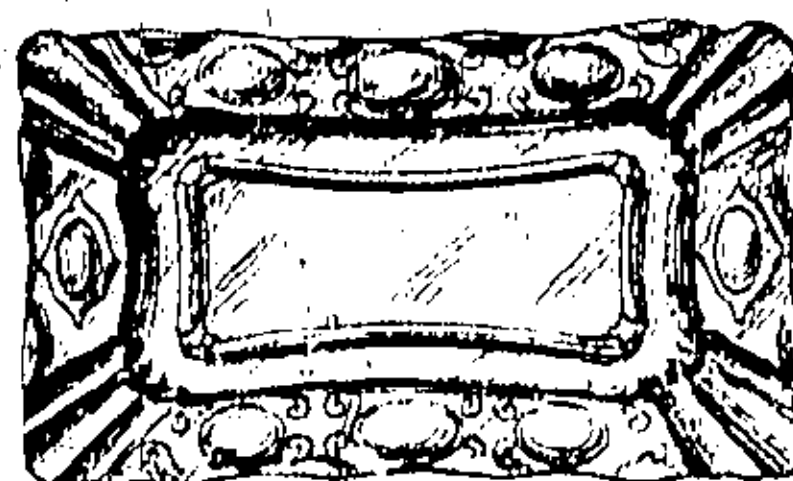
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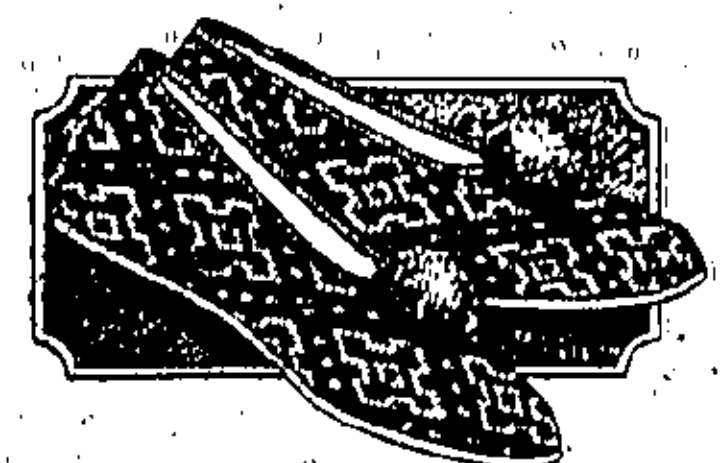
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## BOYCOTT TO END.

### SPECIAL TAXES NOT MENTIONED.

#### Canton's Official Statement.

#### FUTURE RELATIONS DEPEND ON BRITISH POLICY & ACTION.

The boycott is to terminate, arrangements having been made by the Canton Government with the Strike Committee.

This is officially announced by Mr. Eugene Chen who, in his latest "information" does not refer to the special, new taxes previously mentioned.

The Canton Information Bureau also adds, however, that the restoration of relations will depend on British comprehension of Chinese Nationalism.

Firstly, it should be noted that no specific condition is laid down, nor is there a stipulation as to those taxes.

[Note: A correspondent to the "China Mail" on Tuesday ("Merchant") has maintained that the settlement, and Canton's intention to impose taxes, are separate issues.]

Through Reuters, the Canton Information Bureau has issued:—

"The Foreign Office has authorised the publication of the following communiqué:—

"The Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs has informed H. B. M. Acting Consul-General that arrangements have been made with the Strike Committee for the termination of the boycott."

"To what extent this step will lead to a restoration of Chinese-British trade relations must depend on British policy and action, and on British comprehension of Chinese Nationalism, its ideas and force as a principle of energy in the work of unifying and modernising China."

## DEATH SENTENCE.

### ON THREE PIRACY PRISONERS.

#### COUNSELS' ADDRESSES.

The trial of the three prisoners charged with piracy with violence off Cheung Chau island when the sole survivor of the fishing boat attacked was stated to have been a small Chinese boy, drew to a conclusion this morning.

After the final addresses of counsel, His Honour (Mr. Justice Wood) reviewed the evidence at length, his address lasting from 11.50 to 1.10. The jury were absent for a quarter of an hour and returned a verdict of guilty in respect of each of the three men.

Sentence of death was passed. Addressing the jury this morning, Mr. C. G. Alabaster said that on the decision, of the jury in most cases rested the liberty of the subject but in this case there was a great deal more involved.

Under the statute of 1837 by which they were charged the charge was equivalent to one of murder. There was one penalty only and that was of death.

Counsel stressed that before they could find an adverse verdict they should be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt and, submitting this principle to the case before them, he claimed that the Crown had not proved beyond all reasonable doubt that the first prisoner (for whom Mr. Alabaster appeared) had committed the crime of cutting and wounding with intent to murder or endanger the lives of these people.

"Discrepancies." Counsel claimed that the evidence called for the Crown was full of discrepancies. One of the Crown's witnesses had described the light at the time as, moonlight; another said it was before sunset; another said it was twilight, and the fourth said that it was pitch dark at the time.

Whatever the light, said counsel, it was clear from the positions of the boats as depicted by the small boy who had been perfectly clear in the diagram, that whatever happened on the boat attacked was hidden from those on the other boats. In the brightest daylight the sun would have been in the eyes of those looking back and whoever was on board would have been silhouetted in darkness. Similarly, with regard to the moon which, like the sun, rises in the east and sets in the west. Apart from these factors, counsel submitted that at the distance the boats were away it was impossible for the people from the other

## CANTON SUCCESSES.

### Wu Pei-fu Expelled and in Flight.

#### FACED DESERTION & MUTINY.

#### Sun Chuan-fang Loses One of 5 Capitals.

[By Our Special Correspondent.]

Relying again on the element of surprise, the southerners have scored a signal success in their new zone of conquest and their success is enhanced by Wu Pei-fu's flight through his subordinates' openly revolting against him.

As explained in the "China Mail" yesterday, the Nationalists have pushed a big salient into Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's lines. The southerners' front took the shape of a semi-circle. With their base in the centre, they were able to move troops in the rear with great rapidity and the capture of one of the five allied capitals has further enhanced their prestige.

#### History Repeats Itself.

On the other hand, Wu Pei-fu is now definitely equipped. That leaves Chang Kai-shek and Sun Chuan-fang clear to fight their issue, the winner to tackle Chang Tso-lin (having drawn a bye) in the final.

History—and very modern history at that—has repeated itself. Wu Pei-fu despised the Cantonese to an extent that he did not trouble to fight them till they had entered his domains and were always on the aggressive.

Sun Chuan-fang dallied. It did not pay him to restore Wu Pei-fu. His own position came first. Then there was always the possibility of a rear attack by Chang Tso-lin (the Fengtien party). Now the southerners are hammering at his door.

#### Soldier's Psychology.

Politically and strategically, he has greater reserves to draw upon than Wu Pei-fu had. But he will have to begin by fighting a rear-guard action against Cantonese who know no stopping when they have tasted of the fruits of victory.

As I have previously pointed out, the Cantonese soldier is a wonderful fighter once having won. Raw recruits become seasoned veterans in a moment but once there is a reverse,.... One need only look at the way the southerners lost heart over Wuchang, which will now succumb at any moment—not because of defeat, but because of starvation and dissent in the ranks.

There has been little fighting on any scale. On small sectors, there have been detached actions; one of which "proves" my contention about the southerners' psychology.

#### Afraid of Cadets.

General Liu Chee-luk (formerly Chan Kwang-ming's governor of Swatow) has fought many a battle. He has a small following in Kiangsi, on Sun Chuan-fang's side. Attempting to restore the fame of the anti-Reids, he stood his ground against a division of the 2nd Nationalist Army. After being nearly surrounded, he fought his way out, secured a temporary advantage—and then fled, simply because it was whispered that the Whampoa Cadets were going up.

All along the Kiangsi-Hunan frontier, southern units are marching up to take over fresh territory. The allies retreated and gave up Nanchang without a struggle.

Until Sun Chuan-fang definitely lays down a line where he will stand, the Nationalists will simply continue to push eastwards with Shanghai and the coast as their last objective.

#### Canton's New Power.

Wu Pei-fu is no longer a power in the struggle. His most loyal generals have deserted him, preferring to throw in their lot with Sun Chuan-fang.

This last development means that the southerners will have a clear run in central China up to past the Yangtze, and almost to the right bank of the Yellow River.

The majority of Wu Pei-fu's fresh troops will trek south-eastwards to join the allies and a few may go over to Chang Tso-lin.

Worse than desertion, Wu Pei-fu has had to face open mutiny and he has fled to Paoing.

#### "Execute Me First."

Two of the men who fought for Wu Pei-fu at Hanyang till their regiments were decimated have refused orders.

A brigadier refused to march south because "Wu Pei-fu had no fixed plan of action in counter-attacking." The Marshal became furious and ordered his execution. The general concerned stepped in

## CHINA STATION.

### "DEHLI" & ANOTHER CRUISER MAY COME.

#### TO BRING OUT STORES, &c.

Malta, Sept. 22.

The third destroyer flotilla was unexpectedly detached from the British Mediterranean Fleet at Volo yesterday and is now proceeding to China to reinforce the Fleet there.

The destroyer "Wildswan," belonging to the same flotilla, is shortly going to China with the "Wishart" which is embarking stores and ammunition for the whole flotilla.

The cruiser "Delhi" is also likely to be sent to China.—Reuters.

Later.

It is now understood that the "Delhi" is only going to China if the "Wildswan" and "Wishart" are unable to carry the necessary stores, etc.—Reuters.

The names of the destroyers mentioned in Tuesday's Admiralty despatch were:—

Keppel (flotilla leader), Verity, Veteran, Witherington, Wishart, Wivern, Wolsey and Woolston.

The cable mentions the "Wildswan" it should be noted (not referred to by the Admiralty), as accompanying the "Wishart" in carrying stores.

It therefore appears that the "Wildswan" and the cruiser "Delhi" are not being added to the China Fleet in the same sense as the fourteen units referred to on Tuesday.

The cable also says "now proceeding."

## NO TAXIS.

### LESSEES' FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES?

#### OFFICIAL'S RETICENCE.

The taxi ranks in the Colony were again vacant to-day and, upon enquiry of Mr. A. H. Rowe, managing director, the "China Mail" was unable to obtain an answer as to how long this state of affairs is likely to exist. Mr. Rowe declined to make any statement whatever.

A notice posted near the garages in Percival Street yesterday is to the effect that the lessees to whom the Company had "farmed out" the vehicles have now no control over the vehicles.

The lessees who hired the taxis from the Company in turn "farmed" them out to drivers and in this connection it may be recalled that at the annual meeting it was stated that the drivers being in arrears with their payments to the lessees, the lessees in their turn were in arrears to the Company.

## BIG STORM.

### 35 AEROPLANES DESTROYED AT PENSACOLA.

Mobile, Sept. 23.

35 aeroplanes at the Pensacola naval station were included in the destruction by the hurricane. Each machine cost gold \$45,000.—Reuters' American Service.

## ATTACKED AGAIN.

### "Scarab" Replies With 3-in. Guns.

#### NO CASUALTIES ON SHIP.

Hankow, Sept. 22.

H.M.S. "Scarab" was fired at with rifles 25 miles below Shashi and replied with machine-guns and 3 inch-guns.

There were no casualties on the ship.—Official despatch.

Note: Shashi is a port on the upper Yangtze, in Hupeh province, but not far from the Kweichow, Hunan and Szechuan provinces. It is about 100 miles below Ichang which is about 250 miles below Wansien. Shashi is over 200 miles (by river) further up than Hankow, but much closer by land. It is probably in the hands of southern troops.

#### Hostilities Interfere.

Hankow, Sept. 22.

The s.s. "Loongwo" arrived this morning and reported that it was forced to anchor all night long below Yanglo owing to intense rifle and machine-gun fire.

There are no definite reports as to the identity of the contenders but it is suggested here that a northern expedition, reported to be besieging Macheng on September 18, has pushed its way to the Yangtze River.—Reuters.

## ANTI-BRITISH BOYCOTT?

Hankow, Sept. 22.

The local civil administration paper advocates an anti-British boycott.

A large labour meeting is being held this (Wednesday) afternoon.—Official despatch.

## JURY PRIVACY.

### RECONSTRUCTION IN COURTS NEEDED?

#### EX-JURYMAN'S REPLY.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail").

Sir,—I was gratified to note that the questions I raised with regard to the need for greater privacy for Hong Kong juries was considered by the Attorney General as "meriting serious consideration." With regard to his statement that the Clerk to the Chief Justice's room had been used as a retiring room for local juries and that this provided complete privacy, how is it, I wonder, that the room was ever changed? However, my letter will have served a useful purpose if it leads to a reconsideration of the question.

Incidentally, there is a door leading from the small court (as distinct from the main court in which murder trials are, I believe, usually conducted) to the room mentioned by the Attorney General. This is obviously intended as a retiring room for jurors considering their verdict but it was not used on the occasion on which I served on the jury and, upon enquiry, I learn that it is seldom, if ever, used.

As regards the main court, upon leaving which the incident I complained of yesterday took place (the addressing of a member of the jury by a spectator in the corridor), there is no means provided for a private exit for jury men.

It seems to me that the court here has been wrongly designed and if my information is correct that the floor above is undergoing reconstruction in the near future then it seems to me that reconstruction should also be put in hand below in order that the deficiency in the court rooms should be made good.

Yours, etc.,

EX-JURYMAN.

Hong Kong, September 22.

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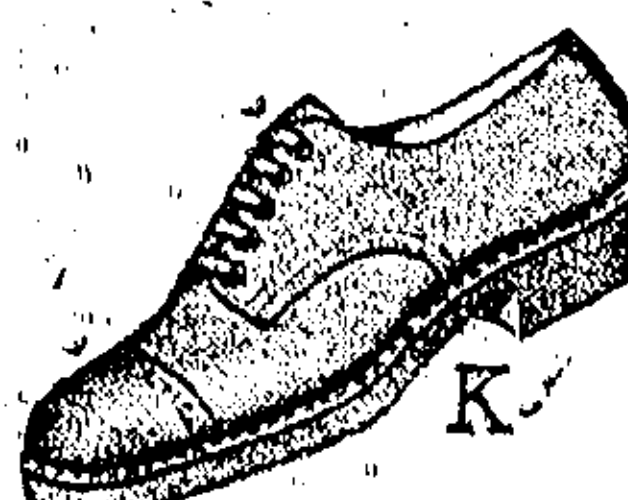
Sir,—The complaint lodged by "Ex-Juryman" in your yesterday's issue is fully deserved. The system of the Jury Service here is beyond doubt in error and.

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## TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/1 11/16.

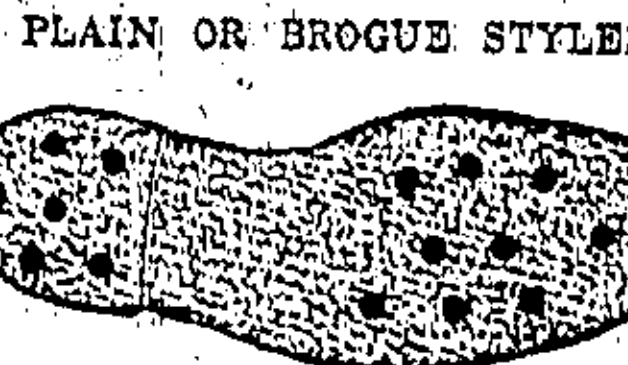
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**THE MORNING LIST.**

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Kwongchow (1572) Brk. from Bangkok; E. &amp; S.

Nyanza (3222) Brk. from Antwerp and Singapore; M. M. &amp; Co.

Astryanax (3021) Brk. from Hamburg and Singapore; B. &amp; S.

Chip Shing (1199) Brk. from Tientsin; J. M. &amp; Co.

Bulgnerie Stattenberg (452) Fr. from Saigon; Man Cheong Yuen.

Tilbebot (3635) Brk. from Dairen and Amoy; J.C.J.L.

Delke Rickmers (832) German, from Hamburg and Cebu; C. Bodiker.

Yelyun Maru (1234) Jap. from Dairen; M.E.K.

Osaka Maru (2192) Jap. from Calcutta and Singapore; O.S.K.

Seattle Maru (3623) Jap. from Calcutta and Singapore; O.S.K.

Ching Hing (249) Chinese, from Kwongchow-wan; Hong On.

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For Keelung: Ryusho Maru.

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**Clearances.**

For Kwongchow-wan: Ming Ho.

For Mantok: Tikkogen.

**SHIPS IN PORT.**

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

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Chinese 13

Dutch 5

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Total 49

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**SHIPPING NOTES.**

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

**LATEST INFORMATION.**

The P. &amp; O. steamer "Nyanza" brought 3,530 tons of cargo for Hong Kong, from Antwerp and Singapore. She will sail for Shanghai and Japan ports this afternoon.

The C.P.R. liner "Empress of Canada" which left Hong Kong on September 3 arrived at Vancouver on September 20.

Coming from Tientsin, the s.s. "Chipsing" arrived at midnight yesterday with a cargo of 1,685 tons and 11 bags of mail from Wei-hai-wei. She will sail for Tientsin on September 27 at noon.

The German steamer "Delke Rickmers" brought "dangerous goods" besides general cargo for Hong Kong. She had 4 tons of dynamite and 1,450 tons of general merchandise for discharge here, and has on board 770 tons of explosives for ports beyond. The "Delke Rickmers" arrived this morning from Hamburg via Cebu, P.I., and will be despatched by Messrs. Carl Bodiker &amp; Co. for Shanghai tomorrow.

The local office of the C.P.R. has been advised that the R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived at Kobe yesterday morning, and left that port in the afternoon for Yokohama where she is due to arrive tomorrow afternoon.

The B.E. steamer "Talma" will be despatched tomorrow afternoon for Shanghai and Japan with cargo, passengers and mail for Europe via Siberia.

The Blue Funnel steamer "Astryanax" arrived this morning from Hamburg via Singapore, with 450 tons of cargo and mail for Hong Kong. She also has on board 2,072 tons for ports beyond. Messrs. Butterfield &amp; Swire will despatch her for Shanghai as soon as she discharges her cargo.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha steamer "Hakusan Maru" is expected to arrive tomorrow from Japan with cargo, passengers, and mail. She will continue her trip to Marseilles, London and Antwerp via Singapore on September 25 at noon.

With a cargo of 1055 tons mostly consisting of rice from Saigon, the French steamer "Bulgnerie Stattenberg" arrived yesterday afternoon. Her date of departure has not yet been fixed by Messrs. Man Chung Yuen.

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Semporna	Arrival	THURSDAY	September 30
Lahad Datu	Departure	FRIDAY	October 1
Sandakan	Arrival	FRIDAY	October 1
Hong Kong	Departure	SATURDAY	October 2
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KHYBER	9,114	30th Oct. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,002	13th Nov. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,156	25th Nov. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	27th Nov. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NELLORE	5,353	30th Dec. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACE DONIA	11,089	11th Dec. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DELTA	8,097	23rd Dec. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KHYVA	9,135	26th Dec. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MALWA	10,041	8th Jan. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KALYAN	9,141	22nd Jan. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MOREA	10,018	5th Feb. Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHGAR	9,005	19th Feb. Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MANTUA	10,002	5th March Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
MACE DONIA	11,120	2nd April Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
DEVANHA	8,156	9th April Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
KARMALA	9,128	18th April Noon	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MALWA	10,041	30th April Noon	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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TANDA	6,960	2nd Dec.	Melbourne
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MANTUA	10,002	16th Oct.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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NELLORE	5,353	2nd Nov.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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KALYAN	9,141	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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## RIVER PIRACY.

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### BEYOND HELP.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]  
Pakhal, Kongmoon, Sept. 17.  
The Canton-Kongmoon towboat "Wing On" is believed to have been pirated at Tung Ma Ling.  
She was seen in the river without the steam-launch and the armed junk which acted as convoy was also absent.  
A Chinese armed launch was alongside the "Wing On" junk.  
The Canton-Suncheong towboat hailed her and asked if she had been pirated. When help was offered those on board, shouted back that there was no need.  
Subsequently the "Wing On" was towed to Canton.

Since the above report it has been learned in Hong Kong that 20 pirates shipped on board the tow as passengers. They drove off the launch and armed junk and then deserted the boat when they had ransacked her from stem to stern.

## SEA PHENOMENON.

### PATCH OF SWIRLING WATER.

Sydney, August 24.—Surrounded by calm seas, at a distance of about 224 miles from Sydney Heads, a huge patch of swirling and tumbling waters was observed by the master and officers of the steamship "Maheno," which arrived from Auckland to-day. The cause of the phenomenon is not known, but it is considered most likely that a submarine earthquake was responsible. Seaweed was in evidence and there were many sharks cruising around, indicating that in all probability fish had been killed or stunned by the force of the disturbance. Before reaching the patch the "Maheno" did not encounter any unusual current, and after passing it the sea was quite normal. For a considerable time afterwards the swirling waters could be seen, which made it evident that the disturbance was not of a temporary character. The Master of the "Maheno" (Captain Molyneux) said that he had never seen a similar patch in mid-ocean before. It had an oily look and appeared to boil at times. "I do not know whether it was caused by a submarine disturbance or by a very strong current," he added. "The sea was calm and there was only a light southerly breeze. I noticed the broken waters from my cabin and proceeded to the bridge. The fourth officer informed me that he had seen a number of sharks and a quantity of seaweed. The patch extended for about a mile and a half and it appeared as if a tide rip was meeting other water. The line of demarcation between the two waters was very clear. A report of the observations will be forwarded to the Navigation Department."

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London, September 3.—Efforts are being re-doubled by numerous organisations like the London Chamber of Commerce to secure the inclusion on the agenda of the Imperial Conference of a debate on the desirability of uniform laws within the Empire concerning the carriage of goods by sea. The advocates of this hold that if a general Empire code of commerce were possible enormous simplification would result.  
The obstacle to this ideal is the numerous distinct legislation within the Empire, which differs considerably on the basic question of the value of case law, and as judgments are often the decisive factor in ascertaining commercial customs recognisable by and sometimes actually appropriate of the law, it would seem to follow that statutes, though almost identically worded would in course of time be differently interpreted and applied.—"Times of Ceylon."

## PORT KEMBLA.

VESSEL DECLARED A TOTAL LOSS.

Sydney, August 23.  
A message received by the Sydney office of the Commonwealth and Dominion Line, Limited, to-day states that the steamer "Port Kembra" has been abandoned and declared a total loss.  
The "Port Kembra" while on a voyage to Lyttelton and Dunedin from London, ran ashore on the island of San Salvador on July 9. At the beginning of August the salvors abandoned floating operations, and turned their attention to the cargo, much of which was damaged by water. Last week a message was received, stating that 700 tons of cargo was being removed from the vessel in a sound condition.

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## FIRE ON STEAMER.

POSSIBILITY OF REPAIRING "REYNST" DOUBTED.

Wettersvreden, Sept. 18.  
The K.P.M. steamer "Reynst" (700 tons) had arrived at Belawan from Singapore and disembarked the passengers when fire broke out and the steamer was soon ablaze.  
The mishap was probably caused by oil from the burner catching alight.  
The damage is very considerable. The vessel was entirely burnt out amidships, only bent plates being left. The life-boats were burnt.  
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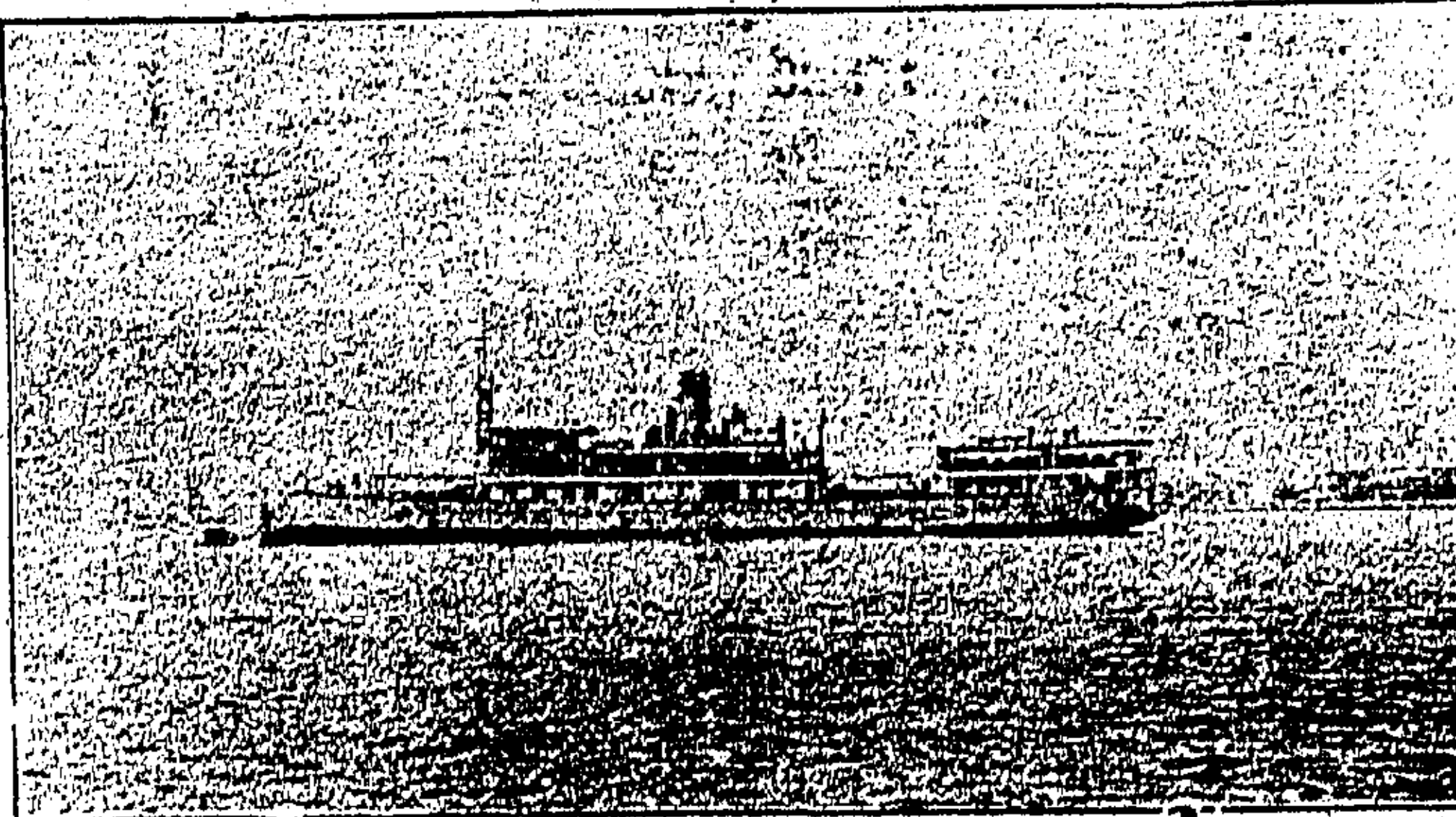
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## POSTAL GRIEVANCES.

Several weeks ago complaints were published in our correspondence columns in regard to the belated delay in the delivery of postal matter. These were made the subject of special enquiry, when a satisfactory explanation for the delays on the specific occasions was forthcoming. At the same time it was gathered that, for normal times, the present staff of the Post Office is considered sufficient, although emphasis was laid on the special difficulties of employing men comparatively new to the work. A large percentage of the clerical and outdoor staff has been engaged since the strike, and it was pointed out that, although they are doing their best, "it stood to reason that they are not so conversant with the technicalities as men who had been engaged on the work for ten years or more (as some of the men who left during the strike had been)." As the outcome "a great deal of extra supervision work is required."

These complaints of belated delays in the delivery of postal matter—newspapers in particular—are recurrent. In this office a very careful watch has been kept over the delivery of incoming papers—not, be it noted, by the postmen but in our own private box at the General Post Office. Time and again ships have arrived early in the morning, but it has been noon—and sometimes after—before a single newspaper was received from the Post Office. From outside sources, we learn that the service of delivery by postmen is not all that it should be—one of our informants was quite Eugene-Cherian in his lurid condemnation—but naturally "no strong protest" can be voiced in the absence of concrete instances of apparent gross dereliction of duty by the postmen.

This much, however, is clear—that the Postal Department is not doing all that it can and ought to meet the convenience of the community, which is the *sine qua non* of any postal service anywhere. The supervising staff and the higher officials at the General Post Office are apparently being overwrought, to the risk of impairment of their health and ultimate efficiency. They apparently are being obliged to handle material which—though doubtless welcome after the strike—was of an inferior type from the beginning. It is well over a year since the majority were engaged—if we are correctly informed—and yet we are told that "a great deal of supervision work is required." Surely it does not take ten years to train a postal clerk or a postman up to the standard of even moderate efficiency? If so, then the only thing to do is to make a clear sweep of all who have been engaged since the strike and start *de novo* with better and brighter material—men who will adapt themselves with greater speed to postal routine. At whatever cost the convenience of the public must be served. The Government cannot

go on for ever allocating inadequate votes in the Estimates for the Post Office Department, nor can it always expect the same ratio of excess of receipts over expenditure. With the admittedly wretched material at their command the higher Postal officials and supervisors have done—and are doing—wonders. But that by no means acquits the Government of its duty of ensuring that sufficient funds are voted to make local postal efficiency something of which the Colony can be proud. Retrenchment or no retrenchment the spoiling of the ship for a hapworth of tar cannot be tolerated in our primary public utility—the Post Office.

Some time ago when this same subject was being discussed, the idea was ventilated of appointing a Select Commission of Enquiry into the working of the Post Office. But such should be quite unnecessary if the Government will only take a more intelligent interest in the Postal Department and if it will think less of so-called economy and more of the public convenience. There can be no middle course!

## Kowloon School Complaint.

"How much has been spent on Queen's College and other similar institutions to provide education for the Chinese during the last few years?" poignantly asks a correspondent. With the project to educate as far as possible, the "China Mail" is in full sympathy. But our attention has been drawn to an alleged shortcoming at the Kowloon British School. Kowloon folks can hardly say with pride that the Government had been generous to them in the matter of schools, notwithstanding the vigilance of the Residents' Association. A boy of five was taken along on Monday—when the winter term started—but his mother was informed that infants were not being taken at present because there was no room. His name was placed on the waiting list, perhaps there may be a vacancy at Christmas, and if there was the list would be drawn upon according to age. That was all that could be done for him at the moment. However, our correspondent's query is not connected with the incident alleged. He has heard that two classes of British school-children are accommodated in matsheds at the rear of the Gun Club Hill annexe, believed to be on loan from the Military authorities. Dame Gossip had whispered that the Government once intended to erect two more rooms during the holidays but changed its decision. Accordingly, the Kowloon resident asks if more can be bestowed upon the peninsula, in view of generosity in other directions. Taking the temporary matshed business and the full-up incident together, the "China Mail" seriously asks if there is a quick remedy; at the same time repeating an old request for admission to meetings of the Education Board.

## OBITUARY.

## FATAL ACCIDENT AT SWISS COTTAGE ESTATE.

MR. B. W. HAME.

The death is announced under very sad circumstances of Mr. Bernard Whitfield Hame, M.C., A.M.I.C.E., assistant Municipal Engineer at Singapore, at the early age of 37.

Mr. Hame lost his life as the result of an accident at his house, 6, Swiss Cottage Estate, in the early hours of the morning of September 15. It appears that he went up some concrete steps to call the boy at about 11.45 the previous night when he slipped and hit his head on the steps, causing concussion of the brain.

All possible assistance was rendered by Dr. Dawson, who lives close by, but the deceased's injuries were so serious that he died less than two hours later.

Much sympathy will be felt for Mrs. Hame and her young child, and the Municipality loses by this tragic occurrence an able and popular official.

The late Mr. Hame was with the Bournemouth Municipality before the war. He joined up in 1914, and after service in India he obtained a commission in the Royal Engineers and served in France, where he was awarded the Military Cross.

He came out to Singapore after the war, and did valuable work for the Municipality, particularly in connection with the road reconstruction programme which is being carried out in Singapore. He was known to a wide circle of friends in Singapore, to whom the news of his tragic death will come as a deep shock.

## DEATH SENTENCE.

(Continued from page 1.)

## Identification.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that the facts went to show that there were never, in fact, more than three men and that the other man referred to by witnesses was really the man who should be in the dock in the place of his client. Counsel further submitted that it was "ludicrous for the other fishermen to state that they could identify people on the boat at a distance of 200 yards. With regard to the identification by the boy, counsel emphasised that the lad in question had been kept by the police for some considerable period, not with prisoners in the jail, and that the inspector himself had stated that the prisoner when identified, was the only man wearing the particular type of clothes. It was obvious that the boy was given to understand that he was expected to pick out a fisherman.

"Fantastic," Mr. T. Addis, for the third prisoner, said that the most reliable and trustworthy of the Crown witnesses, the small lad, had been unable to identify the third prisoner and the only witness who said she did was the alleged wife of the first prisoner who had provided herself most unreliable in her other statements. For instance she had stated that it was pitch dark at the time, a suggestion which in the light of what had happened, counsel submitted was fantastic in the extreme. The woman had obvious motives in wishing to shield one in whom she was interested. With regard to the statement alleged to have been made by the third prisoner, counsel said that all it in fact amounted to was an admission that he had rowed the first prisoner to the boat in question. Putting the case at its very blackest, the most that could be said against the man was that, having rowed the first prisoner out to the boat for the purpose of the first prisoner paying back a debt, the first prisoner had made a last minute change in his plans and decided to rob the boat in question.

His Honour, in summing up, emphasised the grave duty of a jury called to find a verdict on a capital charge. The Crown had to prove the case against each man for their case to be upheld and if the jury found that the men did not, in fact, rob and use violence with intent to kill then the proper verdict was acquittal. His Honour reviewed the evidence at considerable length.

At yesterday afternoon's hearing of the case, His Honour said that it had been contended that for the prisoners to be found guilty it would have to be proved against them that the incidents, if proved, took place on the high seas and not in territorial waters. His view was that territorial waters might be included in the high seas and that piracy might be committed within territorial waters.

Mr. Alabaster remarked that as His Honour was against him he would ask that the point be reserved.

His Honour declined to reserve the point. Mr. Sheldon said that the ruling was equivalent to a French ship being pirated by another French ship within half a mile of Boulogne and a British ship capturing the pirates and they being tried at the Old Bailey.

His Lordship: That's it. Mr. Sheldon: And Your Lordship will not reserve the point?

His Lordship: No. Mr. Alabaster, addressing the court on the defence of the prisoner, said his view and the view of other counsel for the defence was that from the first the prisoners stated their defence. They stated it when they were charged and when they were before the magistrate. Each prisoner rested his case on his statements and the defence would call no evidence.

Mr. Dyer Ball, for the Crown, submitted that from the evidence there was no doubt that all three prisoners were at Lap Sap Mei on that evening, that was gained from their own statements. He submitted that the actions of the first prisoner subsequent to the affair were not those of an honest and innocent man. He said he was compelled to go. If so why did he not go to the Police at the first opportunity as did the boy. Did the jury believe that the third prisoner made him row out to the boat. He thought there was ample evidence to convict the first prisoner.

Clearly Identified. Number 2 prisoner was clearly identified by the boy. The jury would recall that he was the man to whom the cargo of sweet potatoes belonged. It was his cargo and therefore he must have hired the boat and it was his place to pay for it. Yet his story was

## THE YEAR'S WORK.

ANNUAL MEETING OF  
C. S. C.

THANKS TO OFFICERS.

A successful year in regard to sport, membership, social activities and finance was reported by the President of the Civil Service Club (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) at the annual meeting yesterday evening.

An increase in membership of a considerable percentage was referred to by the President, 52 new members having joined and 13 resigned. The membership stood at 256. They had to record with regret the deaths of three members, Messrs. J. H. Oxberry, J. Hutchison and W. Blakey.

Dealing with the financial report which showed a balance of £1,335, the President said that expenditure on improvements to the building had been carried on to the year's working account without having to draw on the reserve.

## New Premises.

With regard to the Centre Club, the premises which they proposed taking over would be available for use some time during the latter part of November.

The President congratulated the treasurer (Mr. B. E. Maughan) on the excellent year's working and also referred to the work behind the scenes for the Club put in by Mr. J. J. Gregory, the Club steward.

On the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. L. Longbottom, the report and accounts were adopted by the meeting. Mr. R. C. Witchell congratulating the Club on a successful year.

The chairman, addressing the meeting again, said that he had been authorised by the committee to propose that the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy, Mr. G. R. Sayer and Mr. P. T. Lamble be elected vice-presidents of the Club. Proceeding, he said it would seem to put the Club right, with the Director of Public Works as a vice-president. Referring to Mr. Sayer, Mr. Wood said that he had been a tower of strength to the cricket team for many years. They knew that he had captained an interport team in Shanghai, and Mr. Sayer was wanted as a vice-president of the Club.

Mr. Lamble, said the chairman, was one of the oldest members of the Club, and had represented them in sport on many occasions. He had served on the committee and had taken office. The Club would be honoured to elect him.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Verette, and carried unanimously. Mr. Sayer returned thanks for his election, and promised to do as much as he could for the institution.

Mr. Lamble endorsed Mr. Sayer's remarks and said that although he would be leaving shortly he too would do all that he could for the Club.

## Election of Officers.

The following officials after being duly proposed and seconded were elected:

Secretary, Mr. L. Longbottom; treasurer, Mr. B. E. Maughan; hon. steward, Mr. S. E. Alderman; groundsman, Mr. H. Rose; cricket captain of first eleven, Mr. B. D. Evans; vice-captain, Mr. F. J. de Rome; captain of second eleven, Mr. J. H. B. Nihil; vice-captain, Mr. H. F. Harper; cricket representative, Mr. P. T. Lamble; lawn bowls representative, Mr. R. A. Smith; tennis representative, Mr. R. R. Wood; cricket scorers, Mr. W. Fincher (first eleven) and Mr. W. Sayers (second eleven); umpire, Mr. P. T. Lamble (first eleven).

General committee, Messrs. J. W. Deakin, A. O. Brawn, R. S. Verette, C. Sara, H. F. Harper, E. H. Strange and R. S. W. Patterson, Messrs. F. H. Williams and C. James were re-elected auditors.

The chairman then proposed that an honorarium of \$50 or the equivalent be voted to the secretary, treasurer and steward. The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Votes of thanks were proposed to Mr. H. Rose, for his energetic work during the year, to Messrs. Verette, B. E. Maughan, and all retiring officers; and also to the president for the able manner in which he had conducted the meeting.

That he received money which he was to pay for the hire of the boat. In addition \$30 or more was an absurd sum for the hire of the boat.

In his statement the third prisoner said he was compelled to do "it." He left it to the jury to decide what "it" was. He got a gold ring as his share but he did not say what for.

At this stage the Court adjourned until this morning when all three counsel for the defence will address the jury on behalf of prisoners.



## CORRESPONDENCE.

## COPE &amp; MITRE FOR OUR BISHOP?

## EPISCOPAL VESTMENTS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—Is it not time that some one came forward and opened a public fund for the purpose of presenting our Bishop with a cope and mitre.

Here we are in a diocese which we, and more particularly subscribers at home, are being constantly reminded is many times larger than the British Isles and yet no one has considered it expedient to see our diocesan correctly habited. A nice clean rochet and a scarlet chimere may look very nice in the House of Lords at Royal Garden parties and other functions, but a real live prelate should unquestionably be attired in a cope and mitre.

One is inclined to venture the opinion that, were a plebiscite taken, a very large percentage of the regular attendants at the Cathedral would favour this proposal and, having regard to the fact that a few years ago his Lordship gave his episcopal sanction to a fund being opened for the purpose of presenting him with a pastoral staff and episcopal ring, it may be taken for granted that no opposition to the proposal would be forthcoming from that quarter. Why therefore does not someone make a move in the matter?

We are promised a visit from the Bishop of London in the near future and one notes with interest that the Home papers have made special reference to the fact that his Lordship's luggage includes a special portmanteau for his cope, mitre and pastoral staff. I do not know whether Hong Kong churchgoers are to be privileged to see Dr. Ingram vested as a bishop should be. I can only hope so. Without being particularly "entire" one might express the hope that my Lord of London will close one eye to the hybrid combination of Sarum cassocks and Latin cottas now in use. Please, Mr. Editor, do not consider this a plea for what Dr. Deamer once described as "ecclesiastical millinery." It is merely a plea that, although we are a few thousand miles away from the Home Country, the traditions of our national church should not be disregarded.

Yours, etc.,  
IONIDES.

Hong Kong, Sept. 23.

## PROVIDENT MEETING.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—I was present at yesterday's meeting of the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd. and confess to a feeling of disappointment with the decision to adjourn until November 12.

Patience is my middle name, and since June 1925, I have had forced on me the necessity of "wait and see."

A discovery, however, was made for which I crave the publicity of your columns. The investigator for me in future is Mr. Crawford, who whilst disclaiming knowledge of the facts does not hesitate to form conclusions. Truly a "Daniel comes to judgment." Never more will I rely on shareholders, nor in men learned in the law or in figures, who after six months keep us waiting yet another two.

Yours, etc.,

PRE-BOYCOTT INVESTOR.

Hong Kong, Sept. 23.

## Another Query.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—"Poo Bah" was a versatile person, but the aerobatic mind of Mr. F. M. Crawford in his role of adviser at the meeting of the China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., held yesterday, puts Gilbert & Sullivan's character entirely in the shade.

Mr. Crawford wets my appetite; he is Counsel for the Plaintiff in the first breath, and whilst condemning some of the Officers of the Company for some degree of negligence, in the next moment he delivers a learned judgment in an off-hand manner, that they cannot be held liable financially for any loss. He omitted any reference to the Officers more concerned in the management of the Company, and I am, therefore, in the dark as to his opinion on this point. It is too bad, Mr. Editor, that Professor Lanser arrived and left two months too soon, else I might have obtained from him the opinion which Mr. Crawford failed to reveal.

In all seriousness, however, was Mr. Crawford seeking information, or was he creating an "atmosphere" on information, more solid than rumours already known to him, but for which my companions in misfor-

## JURY PRIVACY.

(Continued from Page 1.)

repeated requests have from time to time been made by the public but the authorities concerned have paid no heed.

One cannot blame the jurors for the irregularity in their duties as that is the sole responsibility of the Court.

Jurors are laymen and are not expected to know the exact points in Law and of the procedure of duties while in Court, as it is mainly by the direction of the Court officials that they know what Jury Service is.

It is too well known that no significance is attached to local murder trials and there is no surprise on my part to read of "Ex-Juryman's" complaint regarding the abominable manner in which Jurors are not respected during their deliberations over a trial.

It is precarious indeed that jurors are allowed to be jostled among the spectators and "Ex-Juryman's" keen observation of a woman's spectator speaking to a juror during the recent murder trial is enough to prove the weakness of our system.

With regard to the system as a whole, it is my contention that the standard of capability of our jurors is low. They are summoned and chosen for a trial but unfortunately a certain portion of these gentlemen of the Jury does not seem to realize the importance of their task.

They merely treat Jury Service as a joke.

Gleaning from the experience of some jurors, there is much to relate of their "confinement in the box" but the least mention saves shame.

While on this subject, I desire to state that I was struck with astonishment to notice that in the office boy murder trial, the verdict of guilty was returned as it should be, but why a recommendation to mercy?

Were the Jury thinking that the murder was not cold-blooded enough, and that the murderer was justified to commit such a brutal crime?

The plea of insanity failed and yet the Jury may have thought he was insane. I submit that if the murderer knew nothing of the crime that he committed, he could very well have remained in his quarters in the company of his dead companion, instead of changing the blood-stained clothing and taking ship to Macao as a means of escape?

Do the Jury know what recommendation to mercy means? No Jury in the world could have added such a rider.

Yours, etc.,  
JUSTICE

Hong Kong, Sept. 23.

## THE WEATHER.

The official forecast of the weather until noon to-morrow is east winds, light to moderate; fair.

Observatory report at 10.15 a.m.—Pressure has decreased slightly to moderately over Japan and slightly over S. China, Formosa, the Visayas and at Yap. A typhoon may be forming N.N.E. of the latter station. The northern depression is now central over Korea. There are still signs of an anticyclone forming over N. China.

The return of notifiable diseases in the Colony for the 24 hours ended September 22 showed one case (English) of diphtheria.

It was anticipated that Mr. John McA. Murray, American Minister to China, would be passing through the Colony to-day on his way to Manila on vacation. No cable has yet been received at the American consulate here as to the ship on which he will be coming or as to the date of his arrival.

Yours faithfully,  
SHAREHOLDER.

Hong Kong, Sept. 23.

[Note: Another letter on the subject appears on page 2.]

## LOCAL APPELLATIONS.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir.—Your correspondent "Dio" appears to have entirely missed the point of my previous letter on this subject. The word "Madame" is merely the French equivalent of the English "Mrs." I raised no question as to the matter of courtesy to the wives of distinguished (the italics are mine) Spartan Chinese. To hold that these ladies should be distinguished by a foreign appellation is, as Euclid observed on more than one occasion, absurd. One might refer to the "Archbishop of Canterbury and Signora Davison," but it is not done.

Yours, etc.,

IONIDES.

Hong Kong, Sept. 23.

## CALF KILLS TIGER.

## STORY VOUCHER FOR FROM UP-COUNTRY.

## MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

From an up-country village comes a story of how a calf refused to die although swallowed whole by a tiger, and thereby caused the tiger's death by struggling inside his stomach!

This takes a good deal of believing, but the writer is assured by reliable native merchants who were eyewitnesses.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]  
Pakkai, Kongmoon, Sept. 17.  
The calf-tiger incident occurred at Kwei Fung mountain, outside the north gate of Sanwui city, capital of the Sanwui district in the Sze Yip (hinterland of Kongmoon).

A number of farmers saw the tiger open its jaws and devour the calf in the twinkling of an eye. Almost immediately afterwards the tiger began to roll about and to claw his body.

Eyewitnesses say that he moved about as though the calf, while being suffocated—and too young to be aware of shock—kicked viciously and fatally injured the tiger's organs.

At any rate the tiger was dead in half an hour, having fallen on the hillside.

When the body was cut open, the dead calf was found inside with little sign of having been torn to pieces.

## MAGISTRATE'S PAY.

## CANTON CIVIL SERVICE SCALE.

Latest salaries fixed by the civil administration of the Canton Government have been announced.

A district magistrate's highest rate is \$375 per month. Presumably this is in Canton money, which is worth about 25 per cent. less than H.K. currency.

There are over 70 districts in Kwangtung.

The "grade" and "rank" mentioned below sound like those in use in pre-Republic times.

1st Class District.		Salary. (Rank).	
Magistrate	\$375.	3rd grade of	2nd rank
Director of Bureau	\$240.	2nd grade of	3rd rank
Secretary	\$130.	3rd grade of	3rd rank
2nd Class District.			
Magistrate	\$300.	1st grade of	3rd rank
Director of Bureau	\$180.	3rd grade of	3rd rank
Secretary	\$120.	1st grade of	4th rank
3rd Class District.			
Magistrate	\$240.	2nd grade of	3rd rank
Director of Bureau	\$120.	4th rank.	
Secretary	\$80.	2nd grade of	4th rank

[The salaries for the staff members of the Bureau are to be fixed later. The list has been submitted to the Provincial Government for approval.]

## RUBBER MARKET.

## SINGAPORE QUOTATIONS BY CABLE.

## LATEST DIVIDENDS.

[By courtesy of Messrs. Carrell Bros.]  
Singapore, Sept. 23.  
Rubber is now quoted at 70½ cents per lb.

The following Dividends have been declared—  
Tambalaks—15% final making 25% for the year.  
Comemaras—10% interim making 20% to date.  
Haytors—10% interim making 20% to date.

The following are the latest cable quotations:—

Straits.	
Allenbys	\$ 3.30
Alor Gajahs	3.10
Amalgamated Malays	5.60
Ayer Moleks	2.90
Ayer Panas	13.50
Balgownies	4.90
Bassett's	1.45
Brogas	1.90
Bukit Jelutongs	1.20
Bukit Katils	1.25
Changkat Serdangs	10.10
Comemaras	2.95
Glenelies	3.05
Indragiris	10.80
Jerams	1.40
Jemas	2.85
Kedahs	4.90
Kempas	9.70
Kuala Sidims	4.05
Lunas	4.10
Malaka Pindas	2.95
Malakoffs	5.30
Mandai Tekongs	.95
Mayfields	16.00
Mentakabs	.65
New Serendabs	5.50
Pajamas	14.50
Punggors	1.30
Sandycrofts	3.20
Scudals	3.10
Sungel Bagazs	5.10
Tapahs	36.00
Tambalaks	1.60
Teluk Ansons	15.50
United Malaccas	2.45

## NO HELP.

## UNIVERSAL STANDARDS FOR COTTON.

## AMERICAN IDEA OPPOSED.

London, Sept. 22.

Representatives of the British and Continental Cotton Exchanges have adopted a resolution opposing the suggestion of the United States Department of Agriculture for the adoption of universal standards of cotton staple.

They considered the suggestion impracticable and no help to the cotton trade. They hoped that the Department of Agriculture would consider the matter finally disposed of and not raise the question at future conferences.—Reuter.

## LESS COTTON.

## SERIOUS EFFECT OF COAL STOPPAGE.

London, Sept. 21.

In consequence of the serious effect of the coal stoppage, the Master Cotton Spinners have called a special meeting of the American Section for the 23rd instant, to consider a further curtailment of production, which already has been reduced by half.—Reuter.

## WAR GUILT.

## STRESSEMAN MOUNTS HIS STILTS.

## CRY FOR COLONIES.

Geneva, Sept. 22.

"Germany's solemn admission to the League was proof that the nations had withdrawn their accusations of war guilt." So said Dr. Stresemann whilst speaking at a reception organised by local Germans last night.

He also emphasised the loyalty of the natives as evidence of Germany's fitness to govern colonial territories. He added that Germany now had the same right to possess colonies as anybody else. He declared that German policy claimed that German sovereignty be restored in German territory and recognition of the right of self-determination of all peoples. He added that after Germany entered the League the occupation of German territory was quite incompatible with the principle of equality among members of the League.

## League Blessed!

Dr. Stresemann, interviewed today before leaving for Berlin, said that his impressions of the League were good. The great majority of Germans approved of his policy at Geneva even if there was not a majority in the Reichstag.—Reuter.

## A MAD ACT.

## SEQUEL TO WRECKING OF STATE.

## RUSSIAN SENTENCED.

Paris, Sept. 22.

Jarovenko, the wrecker of the American war statue, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment.—Reuter.

## EARLIER NEWS.

Paris, July 27.

The statute in the Place Etates Unis to the memory of the Americans who fell in the war representing a "doughboy" holding out a hand to a polio, was smashed with a hammer by a Russian named Jarovenko, who was arrested.

Paris, July 27.  
The Russian, Jarovenko, who damaged the Franco-American memorial, explained to the Police that his action was a protest against the American refusal of credits to France and the workers' consequent suffering from the economic crisis.

Jarovenko apparently only meant to mutilate the statue of the American soldier, which was modelled after the American soldier-post, Alan Seeger, who fell in the war, but besides smashing the "doughboy's" left arm he damaged the polio's right arm to which the former was holding out his hand. It was at this point that he was arrested.

Jarovenko, it is believed, is mentally unbalanced.

## GENERAL WOOD.

## SUCCESSFUL OPERATION IN MANILA.

Manila, Sept. 22.

Major-General Ornard Wood, Governor-General, has been operated on in the Military Hospital. His condition is excellent.—Reuter.

## LESS SHIPS.

## LLOYD'S ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED.

## BRITAIN'S GOOD SHOWING.

Rugby, Sept. 23.

The annual report of Lloyd's Register, covering the year ended July, states that of world's total projected tonnage no less than 68 per cent or 744,080 tons is to be built in Great Britain and Ireland and 32 per cent, or 345,830 tons, abroad.

Although there is a falling off in the world's total as compared with last year the percentage of the amount to be built at home shows an increase of 13 per cent. The British Empire as a whole owns more than half of the tonnage classed in Lloyd's Register at the end of June of this year. No fewer than 5,496 ships, with a total tonnage of 15,167,000, belong to either Home or Dominion owners.

The ships owned by other countries have a tonnage of 14,015,000. The tonnage of ships in Home ownership amounts to 13,894,000.

Oil Era.  
During the year under review the world's construction of vessels in which oil engines were installed was 113, aggregating 601,427 tons gross. There were 45 vessels, totalling 221,429 tons built in this country and the remainder abroad.

The report mentions that the year included the early months of the coal stoppage, but that the full effect of the stoppage will not be shown until the complete returns are made up for the current twelve months.—British Wireless Service.

## FRANC DECLINES.

## OFFICIAL ACTION AGAINST SPECULATORS.

Paris, Sept. 22.

The newspapers foreshadow official action to curtail the activities of speculators, allegedly responsible for the depreciation of the franc.

The latter recently improved to under 160 to the pound, but a decline again set in yesterday, when the franc fell four points to 177½. M. Poincare is instituting an enquiry into the recent fluctuations of the exchange market, which were not justified by the economic and financial situation.—Reuter.

## Shadows, Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

## Entertainments.

September 23—Queen's Theatre; "Havoc" a mighty drama of War-torn Women.

September 23—Star Theatre; "When A Man's A Man."

September 23—World Theatre; Richard Barthelmess in "The Fighting Blade."

September 23, 24, 25 and 27—At City Hall, Russian Ballets by Stavinski's 19 artistes 9.30 p.m.

September 24—Promenade Concert by the H.K.V.D.C. Infantry Co., on the Parade Ground, at Corps Headquarters.

September 24-25—Final performances in Hong Kong of the Denishawn Dancers, at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m. nightly and matinee on last day at 5.15 p.m.

September 26—Special Matinee of Russian Ballets at Star Theatre, 5.30 p.m.

September 27—The Globe Trotters' Grand Opening night at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, 9.15 p.m.

October 21—Grand Concert under the auspices of the Navy League.

Auctions.  
September 24—At Messrs. Lam-mert Bros' Sales Room, Duddell Street, household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

September 25—At Godown No. 18, the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, 112 bales paper, 11 a.m.

September 28—At No. 12 Brank-some Towers, May Road, furniture and effects of the late Dr. J. C. D. Allen, 2.30 p.m.

Land Sale.  
September 27—Two lots of Crown land at Kowloon City and North Point, respectively, will be sold by public auction at the F.W.D. offices, 8 p.m.

Sports.  
October 9—Fourth race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley.

Meetings.  
September 24—Annual meeting of St. Andrew's Society, Hong Kong, in the Old Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, 6 p.m.

September 24—Kowloon Football Club Meeting at the Pavilion, Kowloon, 5.45 p.m.

September 25—Thirtieth meeting of shareholders of the Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Miscellaneous.  
December 6—Matriculation, senior and junior local examinations will begin at the Hong Kong University.

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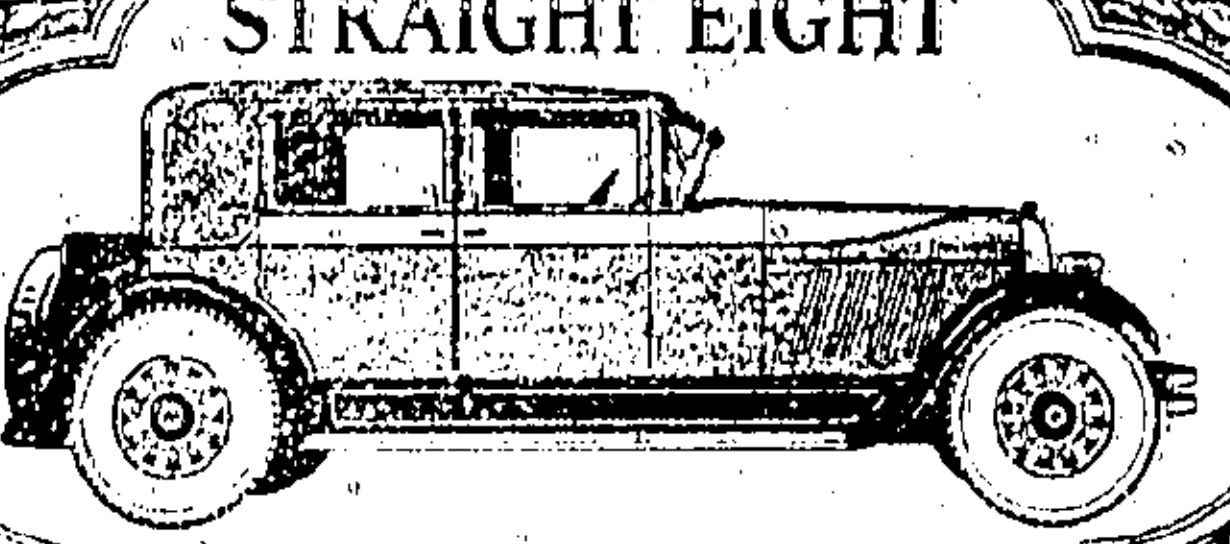
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## LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 6.19 p.m.

According to the old Chinese calendar, Ch'u-fen (Autumnal Equinox) falls to-morrow.

Members of the Kowloon Football Club hold their annual meeting in the pavilion at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow.

A fight took place during tiffin time yesterday between scaffolding coolies engaged on work at the King Edward Hotel. The police interfered and took several men into custody.

Peking, September 13.—Of the \$1,200,000 of salt money, remitted last month to Peking by Sun Chuan-fang, less than \$200,000 remains after first demands were made upon it, according to Chinese reports. Half a million went to Marshal Wu. \$200,000 went to a "certain" military authority here and over \$100,000 was retained by the Consortium.

The genial manager of the Cafe Restaurant Parisien, M. Adolphe Landau, announces a gala dinner-dancing which has been arranged for next Saturday evening. The "China Mail" is informed that some twenty valuable prizes are to be presented during the evening, including something decidedly novel for the gentlemen. As one of the gentlemen's prizes at this popular rendezvous recently took the form of a real live rooster handsomely bedecked with orange-coloured ribbon, patrons of this establishment on Saturday evening next may be sure that M. Landau has something up his sleeve.

Singapore, September 8.—An appeal has been addressed to Mahatma Gandhi over the signatures of several Hindu and Moslem leaders requesting him to resume the leadership voluntarily surrendered. Fear is expressed that if the people's representatives are threatened with wholesale disintegration, as evidenced by the recent attempts at party mongering, the anti-Nationalist majority will be overwhelming in the next Assembly and the Councils. They contend that the country is even now Nationalist to the core, only needing a selfless leader.

Reminder:—annual general meeting of St. Andrew's Society, Hong Kong, in the old Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, at 6 p.m. to-morrow.

The farewell "season" of the Denishawn Dancers (Miss Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn) opens at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, to-morrow at 9.15 p.m. There will be a matinee on Saturday and the final performance is at 9.15 p.m.

The promenade concert of the Infantry Company, H.K.V.D.C., is down for to-morrow night on the Volunteer parade ground. Tickets at 50 cents each are obtainable at Headquarters.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of the Rev. Henry Sydney Frederick Rosier, Minister of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, residing at No. 12 Broadwood Road, Happy Valley, to Miss Mary Corley, who is due to arrive in Hong Kong on board the s.s. "Mantua," also of Frank Reginald Fuggle, warder of the Victoria Gaol, to Ada Amy Mayor, widow, of Preston, Lancs.

Major R. S. S. Paton, of the 1st East Surrey Regt., was absent from the annual military aquatic sports yesterday through indisposition. As President of the Garrison Recreation Club in Hong Kong he has won great popularity with both officers and men. When he goes away with the battalion, his place on the command will be missed. As a military law expert he has also done a good deal, acting as Judge-Advocate at a recent general court-martial.

A Shanghai American Polo team proposes to visit Tientsin, and matches will be played against the Tientsin Polo Club, Tientsin U.S. Army and Peking, with possibly a match against the Peking Americans. These matches will be distributed over the week 18th to 25th October, culminating with the Tientsin-Peking Interport match for the "Forbes" trophy on the 25th.

The best wishes of their many friends will go out to Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, late of Williams Hotel and prior to that, the Majestic Hotel, upon their departure for Shanghai for Singapore where Mr. Williams is to fill the position of Manager to Raffles, the well known and popular Singapore Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Williams left Shanghai on Saturday last—"Shanghai Mercury."

"I have never changed my policy of armed neutrality," says Marshal Sun Chuan-fang in a reply to the local Chinese Chamber of Commerce's appeal to keep the peace. "But what can I do when I see the Cantonese forces invading Kiangse, and when I hear that they have gone so far as to capture Ping-hsiang? The only course left to me is to defend my territory and the people in it."

During the year-ended December 31, 1925, only one passenger was killed in accidents to trains on the railways in Great Britain, according to the return issued by the Ministry of Transport. Seventy other passengers were killed in falling on platforms, crossing the line, falling out of carriages in motion or otherwise. The number of passengers injured was 3,380. In 1924 24 passengers were killed and 3,179 injured in accidents to trains.

Tokyo, September 16.—Captain Sugita, a retired Army officer, who was arrested at Shanghai some months ago, charged with offering to sell secret documents, has been sentenced at Nagasaki to five years' imprisonment. The arrest of Captain Sugita caused a great sensation in Shanghai as it was reported, at the time of his arrest, that he was trying to sell important military documents to the Soviet Government. The nature of the documents was not revealed, and after a preliminary examination here he was sent to the Nagasaki district court.

Tundry Pond, which covers 20 acres, the property of Sir Gerald Midway, of Dogmersfield Park, Winchester, Hampshire, was emptied during operations to discover a leakage. When the water had gone, thousands of fish, mainly pike, carp, and tench, were left floundering on the muddy bottom. To prevent pollution these were given away and people went home carrying their unexpected spoils in sacks and all kinds of receptacles. More than a thousand carp, weighing on an average 8lb., were counted. The giant of the pond was a pike some 25lb. in weight. The pond was chiefly used for fishing, permits being issued by Sir Gerald Midway.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The new Japanese Ambassador to Germany, Mr. Harukazu Nagasaki, is expected to arrive in Berlin shortly to replace Mr. Kumamoto Honda, who returned to Tokyo some time ago.

Miss Jennie Corper, of High Road, Leyton, Essex, aged 15, a pupil of West Ham High School, while bathing at Ryde, Isle of Wight, rescued another girl bather from drowning.

Mr. Francis Graham, head of the firm of Messrs. F. H. Graham and Co., Singapore, who came home on a holiday at the end of last year, is leaving for New York in about a month's time, and from there he will leave for Singapore in December next.

The late Mr. Adam Johnstone McClure, of Dixons, Lockport, Dumfries, and late of Yokohama, largely interested in the Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China (personal estate in Great Britain) left estate valued for probate at £35,222.

The death of Mrs. Emily Clunies Clunies-Ross, widow of Mr. Charles Clunies Clunies-Ross, of Cocos-Keeling Islands, occurred at 3.30 a.m. on September 15. Deceased was 71 years of age. Her husband was a brother of the late Mr. George Clunies-Ross, Governor of the Cocos. She leaves four daughters and nine grandchildren.

The engagement is announced between John Drew Hussey, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Federated Malay States, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. John Walter Hussey, of Matford Lodge, Exeter, and Winifred Blanch de Vere, only daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Frederick Parkinson, late of Bydown, Swymbridge, and of Mrs. Parkinson, 5, Royal Park, Clifton, Bristol, and Carleton House, Westward Ho!

Mr. A. P. F. Chapman, the youngest captain who has ever led an England Test team in England, was born on September 3, 1900, at Reading. The selection of Mr. Chapman as England's captain for the last Test match caused great surprise and not a little adverse criticism, as previously he had not shown any great capacity as a leader, but never has an England captain risen to the occasion better than this young fair-haired giant, who showed a touch of genius in all he did. After the match Chapman said he was the proudest and happiest man in England.

Mr. Tomotsu Aiba, president of the Japanese Aviation School, left Southampton on August 19, by the White Star liner "Majestic," for New York. He has been in Europe some months studying commercial aviation, with the ultimate aim of establishing a new air line between Tokyo, Shanghai, Tientsin, Peking and Harbin, to carry passengers and mails.

Bangkok, September 14.—A telegram received here from H. E. the High Commissioner of the F.M.S. announces that the \$50 deposit imposed by Kodah on railway passengers from Siam has been withdrawn. Third class passengers will also be allowed to pass the frontier. It will be remembered that deposit was imposed on account of the cholera epidemic in Siam.

It is just nine years ago since Siam adopted the use of astronomical time. However, says the Bangkok "Daily Mail," apart from some of the Government institutions, it does not seem to have caught on. Possibly the only way to bring about its universal application would be to prohibit the import of all watches and clocks save those with their dials numbered from one to twenty-four.

London, September 3.—The internationalism of the Salvation Army was illustrated by the departure of 50 missionaries, many of whom were attired in the costumes of the countries to which they are proceeding. Six missionaries were from Canada, seven from the United States going to India, two from Canada going to South Africa, one from South Africa going to Korea, while some from India were going to West and South Africa.

A party of motorists were entering their car at Hildenborough, near Tonbridge, Kent on Tuesday, when one of them, a woman, ran excitedly to the house of Captain Tomlinson, of the local fire brigade, exclaiming that Lady Vane Tempest on entering the car had swallowed a wasp. Capt. Tomlinson rendered first aid, administering an emetic followed by brandy. When she had sufficiently recovered she left with the intention of consulting a doctor.

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## A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE.

## OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

Either for use here as a reference, or for sending Home to "tell everything," this week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" will be found to be extremely useful.

As the weekly edition of the "China Mail," all the local news and reports—by mail or cable—on China are included. What better then to take the place of a tedious letter?

## OUR NAVAL HEROES.

There are the latest despatches, giving vivid details of how 110 British Naval men fought 20,000 Chinese at Wanshsien. The whole action and rescue is described at length.

Particulars about additions to the China Fleet are mentioned and the British Minister's Note to Peking nicely rounds off the narrative.

## BOYCOTT "SETTLEMENT."

Mr. Eugene Chen's important despatch on the decision to settle the boycott and to impose new taxes is reproduced.

As with the case in all matters not readily understood, the "China Mail" has made it a practice to add footnotes or comment where required. Such will be found in profusion through the "Overland China Mail."

## FOREIGNERS IN DANGER.

Many are the wild yarns which circulate abroad about the dangers undergone by foreigners in China. This week's issue has much to say concerning events in the lives of British and others in Kwangtung, Kwangsi, central China, along the Yangtse and elsewhere.

Several messages throw much light on anti-British propaganda.

## ARTICLES BY EXPERTS.

In addition to the current local events, there are special articles written by experts, such as "Who's who in the Canton Army," Latest Picket Activities on the River.

The protest against the treatment of a British subject in Swatow will make interesting reading.

## READY ON FRIDAY.

Homeward Mail Closes on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.  
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## SPORTS SECTION

## GOLF SURPRISES.

## MID-SURREY 2ND ROUND DEFEATS.

## THE LAST EIGHT.

London, Sept. 22.  
The Mid-Surrey golf tournament has provided a succession of surprises involving the defeat of prominent players at the hands of comparatively unknown men.  
Second round victims were Jolly (Moorhouse), Robson (Coedon Beach), Taylor (Potters Bar) and Williamson (Nottis).  
In the third round Ball (Lancaster) defeated Gumpston (unattached) and Bloxham (Covey) beat Brad (Walton Heath), both at the 18th hole. Herb (Moor Park) beat Ray (Osney) by 2 and 1, the winners entering last the eight.—Reuter.

Latest results: Purcell defeated Jennings by 5 and 3; Hagene beat Grant 7 and 6; and Golder defeated Sarazen by 3 and 2.—Reuter's American Service.

## U.S. CHAMPIONS.

## HAGEN STILL IN SARAZEN BEATS BARNES.

New York, Sept. 22.  
At the Salisbury Club's garden city course, in the American professional golf championship (first round), outstanding results were Sarazen (Briarcliffe) beat Jim Barnes (Pelham) by 5 and 4; Hagen (Johler of Pasadena) beat Tomasa (Fair View) by 3 and 2; Farnell (Quaker Ridge) beat Watrous (Grand Rapids) by 6 and 5.—Reuter's American Service.

## HOME RUGGER.

## RESULTS OF OPENING MATCHES.

## N. U. INFLUENCE.

London, Sept. 4.  
The following are the results of rugby matches played today:  
Plymouth 20, Bridgewater 5.  
Cardiff 39, Bridgend 3.  
Leicester 14, Bath 0.  
Northern Union Attack.  
London, Sept. 7.  
A powerful Northern Union syndicate has launched a strong attack in Lancashire, the stronghold of amateur rugby.

It has leased St. John's Park, the former Llanelli "soccer" ground, with accommodation for 30,000, and intends staging a series of attractive league matches during the coming season.

## HOME TURF.

## PRINCE EDWARD H'CAP RESULT.

London, Sept. 4.  
The result of the Prince Edward Handicap race was as follows:  
Market Basket ..... 1.  
Mafoota ..... 2.  
Dark Japan ..... 3.  
Betting: 7 to 1 against Market Basket; 9 to 1 against Mafoota; 8 to 1 against Dark Japan.  
Six ran. Market Basket won by a length; three quarters of a length, separated second and third.

## MILITARY SPORT PRIZES.

Sport prizes won during the 1925 season were distributed to the Garrison at yesterday's aquatic sports, as follows:  
Billiards.—Amateur Military Championship, L. Cpl. McBride, R.C. of S.; Soldiers' Club Cup, 6 a-side.  
Royal Engineers: H.K.V.D.C. Challenge Cup, 8 a-side, Royal Engineers.  
Cricketer League.—Red Wings.  
East Surrey Regiment.  
Football League.—"A" Co., East Surrey Regiment.  
Hockey League.—"C" Co., East Surrey Regiment.  
Rowing (Brown Rowing Cup).—12th Heavy Battery, R.A.  
Tennis.—Tennis League: Royal Engineers. Tennis Doubles: Q.M.S. Puro and Q.M.S. Hewett, R.E.  
Garrison Water Polo League.—33th Heavy Battery, R.A. (for the fifth year in succession); II, 12th Heavy Battery R.A.

Reminder:—annual meeting of the Kowloon Football Club in the pavilion at 5.45 p.m. to-morrow.

## HOME SOCCER.

## LATEST RESULTS IN MID-WEEK.

## THE LEAGUE TABLES.

London, Sept. 22.  
Matches in the English Football League to-day resulted:  
Division II.  
Manchester City 3, Oldham 0.  
Middlesbrough 4, Bradford City 3.  
Division III (South).  
Bournemouth 1, Swindon 2.  
Bristol City 4, Plymouth 2.  
Division III (North).  
Hartlepool 1, Stoke 3.  
—Reuter.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Manch City	7	5	1	1	17	7	11
Swansea	7	4	3	0	10	7	11
Hull City	7	4	1	2	9	4	9
Preston	6	3	3	0	15	9	9
Chelsea	7	4	1	2	11	8	9
Port Vale	7	3	3	1	18	15	9
Oldham	7	4	1	2	6	6	9
Clapham	6	3	2	1	9	8	8
Southampton	7	3	1	3	12	0	7
Fulham	6	3	1	2	8	9	7
Grimsby	7	1	4	2	5	7	6
Reading	8	2	2	4	0	17	6
Notts Forest	6	2	2	2	8	10	6
Notts County	7	3	0	4	9	13	6
Portsmouth	5	2	1	2	5	6	5
Middlesbrough	6	2	1	3	7	10	5
South Shields	5	1	1	3	7	7	3
Darlington	6	1	1	4	10	13	3
Barnsley	6	1	1	4	7	16	3
Bradford City	7	0	2	5	6	12	2
Wolves	6	0	1	5	3	11	1

## HOBBS TO LEAVE?

## Reported Record Salary to Become School Coach.

London, Sept. 8.  
The "Westminster Gazette" understands that Hobbs has been offered a position as coach to one of the most famous Public Schools and that his acceptance will probably mean his withdrawal from first-class cricket.  
A record salary is said to be offered.  
[Note: No confirmation has been cabled through.]

## Div. III (South).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Luton	6	5	1	0	11	5	11
Swindon	7	5	1	1	20	26	11
Bristol City	7	4	2	1	19	8	10
Millwall	8	4	2	2	18	8	10
Crystal Palace	7	4	2	1	12	8	10
Brentford	7	4	1	2	16	10	9
Newport	6	4	1	1	7	6	9
Gillingham	7	3	2	2	13	8	8
Plymouth	7	3	1	3	14	11	7
Southend	7	3	1	3	13	13	7
Brighton	5	2	2	1	13	9	6
Exeter	6	2	2	2	13	12	6
Bournemouth	7	2	2	3	10	11	6
Northants	8	3	0	5	14	18	6
Watford	7	3	0	4	5	13	6
Norwich	6	2	1	3	15	17	5
Charlton	5	2	0	3	8	5	4
Q. P. R.	6	1	2	3	8	11	4
Merthyr	8	2	2	4	6	15	4
Bristol R.	7	1	2	4	6	12	4
Coventry	7	1	1	5	2	12	3
Aberdare	7	1	0	6	5	19	2

## Division III (North).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Stoke	8	6	2	0	25	4	14
Rochdale	7	5	0	2	12	11	10
Hullfax	6	4	1	1	11	5	9
Tranmere	7	4	1	2	14	7	9
Stockport	6	4	1	1	15	10	9
Chesham	6	3	2	1	16	8	8
Nelson	6	4	0	2	18	10	8
N. Brighton	7	3	2	2	14	11	8
Bradford	7	2	3	2	9	8	7
Rotherham	6	3	1	2	13	12	7
Lincoln	7	1	4	2	14	12	6
Wrexham	7	2	3	2	11	11	6
Durham	7	3	0	4	9	15	6
Walsall	6	2	2	2	6	15	6
Crews	6	2	1	3	15	11	5
Hartlepool	7	2	1	4	8	11	5
Southport	6	2	1	3	8	14	5
Ashington	6	1	2	3	6	11	5
Barrow	6	1	2	3	6	14	4
Accrington	7	1	1	5	8	15	3
Doncaster	6	0	2	4	5	14	2
Wigan	7	1	0	6	7	20	2

## ITALIAN GRAND PRIX.

London, Sept. 6.  
Monza.—The Frenchman, Moral driving an Amilcar won the Italian Grand Prix, in the light car category, over a course of 400 kilometres, in 3 hours 0 minute 32 seconds.  
In the ordinary racing car class, Charsval driving a Bugatti was first in the 600 kilometres race in 4 hours 20 minutes 29 seconds.  
Bugattis were also second and third.

## AQUATIC SPORTS.

## MILITARY SWIMMERS OF HONG KONG.

## VOLUNTEERS BEAT SERVICE.

Officers and men with their wives and families turned out in strength yesterday when the 2nd annual aquatic sports of the Garrison Recreation Club were held at the R.A.S.C. camber.

H.E. the General officer commanding, Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B. (as patron) was present and he distributed the prizes.

The 1 E. Surreys band rendered selections.

The general was introduced by Captain E. G. H. Clarke, M.C., who extended a welcome to the senior service and the Volunteers.

Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of Major R. S. S. Paton, President of the Club.

The discovery of the year, said the general, was Lee, Bar. Norris, R.A. Last year's was Pte. Edwards of the Surreys.

Mr. Johnstone had distinguished himself again among the officers and H.E.'s wish was that the Scottish Borders would beat him next year.

The general also congratulated Miss Doris Hunt who had just got the better of the handicappers.

About the Services relay race, General Luard pointed out that the Volunteers had presented the trophy but had won it again.

The Army and Navy would have "to pull up their socks."

Thanks were also expressed to the indefatigable secretary, Mr. Steele and to Lt. Col. F. S. Montague Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

## The Officials.

The officials were as under:  
Judges:—Events 1 to 6: Col. W. A. Edmondson, Lt. Col. V. Coates, Capt. N. C. D. Brownjohn, Lt. D. M. Ryeoff, Lt. E. A. S. Cope, Lt. J. A. Chester.  
Events 7 to 11: Major W. B. Stevenson, Major L. T. Lightfoot, Capt. E. S. G. Howard, Capt. E. G. H. Clarke, Lt. J. R. A. Cockayne, Lt. C. H. Dickens.  
Medical Officer:—Major W. B. Stevenson.  
Time-keepers:—S.M. J. Goddard, R.S.M. A. C. Godwin, R.S.M. W. G. Girdell, R.Q.M.S. R. Chandler.  
Hon. Secretary:—S.Q.M.S. E. E. Steele, D.C.M., M.M., R.A.P.C.

## The Results.

The results in the different events were as under:  
Unit Relay Race for Championship Cup, teams of seven men per unit:—1, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; 2, 25th Heavy Battery, R.A. Time: 5mins. 21.3-5secs.

Army Boys' Handicap Race (under 14 years):—1, K. Jacobson; 2, T. Hawkins; 3, R. Land.

Individual Army championship race, for challenge cup, presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. (Open to all other ranks):—1, Lee, Bdr. Norris, R.A.; 2, Lee, Bdr. Taylor, R.A.; 3, Lee, Bdr. Pulford, R.A. Time: 4mins. 37.1-5secs.

Laud championship, open to officers (90 yards, free style):—1, Lt. R. Q. F. Johnstone; 2, J. H. Smith. Time: 1min. 9.2-5secs.

Life Saving Race:—1, Lee, Sgt. Carver and Pte. Cook; 2, Ptes. Balgout and Carter; 3, Ptes. Sales and Benest.

Army Girls' handicap (under 14 years):—1, Doris Hunt; 2, Ivy Jacobs; 3, Violet Vant.

150 yards championship (open to all ranks):—1, Lee, Bdr. Norris; 2, Cpl. Humberstone; 3, Pte. Peers. Time: 2mins. 11.1-5secs.

Diving Championship (open to all ranks):—1, Lee, Sgt. Leach; 2, Pte. Cook; 3, Gr. Barker; 4, Lt. Chidson.

Half-mile unit team championship (teams of four men per unit):—1, 12th Heavy Battery, R.A.; 2, B. Company, East Surrey Regiment. Time: 15mins. 55secs.

Tug-of-War (teams of six men per unit):—1, B. Company, East Surrey Regiment; 2, 35th Heavy Battery, R.A.

Services relay team championship (presented by the H.K.V.D. Corps) open to a team of five men from the Royal Navy, Army and H.K.V.D. Corps:—Won by the H.K.V.D. Corps (G. R. Razavet, D. Lyon, S. H. Garrod, E. A. Brodie and E. W. Ralton). Time: 2mins. 42secs. (Distance 30 yards, 60 yards, 90 yards, 60 yards and 30 yards).

Water Polo.—The Army defeated the Royal Navy by two goals to one.

The M.C.C. team to tour India is due to leave London to-morrow for the winter tour of India, under A. E. R. Gilligan.

## MURDER MYSTERY.

## COOLIE DIES IN THE STREET.

## IDENTITY UNKNOWN.

The death of a coolie took place in the Mongkok district shortly before 10 p.m. yesterday, but his dying statement leaves no clue as to the identity of his assailant or the motive for the crime.

An employee of the Bank of East Asia was passing Leep Road (leading from Argyle Street to Kowloon Tong) when his attention was drawn by the man's groans. On investigating, he was informed by the man that he had been assaulted by a number of coolies. A report of the discovery was at once made at the Yau-mai Police Station, but when detectives went there the man was found to be dead.

On examination of the body, a jagged wound was found on the left cheek, and the torn condition of the man's clothing pointed to there having been a struggle before he was wounded.

In the absence of information as to his own identity when the man was first seen in a dying condition, the police are faced with a mystery. It is believed that the deceased was an earth coolie and about 35 years of age.

Further, Mr. Lo asked that a ruling be given as to whether further proceedings would be a continuation of the evidence already given by the witnesses on sub-poena.

Arguing on the unfairness of making adjournments when already three weeks had passed and all the time defendant felt as if a sword was hanging over his head, he pointed out that Mr. Lloyd had had sufficient time to have his case ready, and asked that a definite date be laid down by which time the translations should be ready, or otherwise that the case be dismissed.

In reply Mr. Lloyd said that he had other cases to attend to besides the present one.

His Worship: I am afraid I cannot have that, Mr. Lloyd.

Mr. Lloyd: I think the prosecution should be given a reasonable amount of time.

His Worship said that the prosecution had had all the time they wanted, and he would give one more formal remand. He thought that Mr. Lo should be furnished with copies of the translations by Friday, by which time five weeks will have elapsed since the man had been arrested.

Mr. Lo Pleaded.  
Mr. Lo said he was glad that His Worship had expressed that view. He did not wish to embarrass the prosecution, but within five weeks they would have plenty of time even to translate the Chinese classics. He could hardly imagine that the Government could be so poor in the number of its translators. If so, he despaired for the Government in case Mr. Lloyd was overworked and had to go on leave.

The case was fixed for hearing on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons next week.

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CHRISTIAN PREACHER GIVES EVIDENCE.

Chan Lai-man, a Christian preacher, appeared this morning before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill at the Kowloon Magistracy to give evidence against a Chinese hawk charged with receiving stolen property.

It was alleged that on September 19 the preacher lost a clock which was left in his room. He reported the matter to the police. Yesterday, Sub-Inspector Kennedy, acting on information, went to defendant's matched which was just behind the Yau-mai police station and there found the missing article.

Defendant said that a man went to eat in his stall and when asked to pay, the latter said he had no money and produced the clock which was handed to defendant as surety that he would come back the next day to pay him.

His Worship reserved decision.

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Eleven Chinese hawkers were sentenced to one month's hard labour each, this morning, at the Marine Court for breaching the "Tilawa" without permission while the vessel was still flying the quarantine flag.

CRICKET.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI in their match with the Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club on Saturday at Sookpoo, at 2.15 p.m.:—J. S. Azker, I. Hassan, M. P. Madar, Sirdar Khan, A. S. Sufaid, A. K. Minu, D. Mohamed, A. S. Ismail, A. Rahman, S. A. R. Bux and S. A. R. Ismail (Capt.) Reserve:—A. Butt.

POLO FINAL.

Westbury, Sept. 22.  
In the final of the polo championship, the Hurricanes beat Argentine by 7 goals to 6.—Reuter's American Service.

## MILLION RUPEES.

## FURTHER ARGUMENTS IN OPIUM CASE.

## OBJECTION TO REMANDS.

A further development in the million-rupee opium case which was again before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning was the announcement by Mr. J. D. Lloyd (Superintendent of Imports and Exports), who is prosecuting in the case, that he had additional charges to put in which he hoped would be the last.

The defendant in the case is Chan Chor-chiu, a merchant who is alleged to have taken part in the procuring of raw opium from Persia and its shipment to China by the "Philadelphie."

Mr. M. K. Lo, defending solicitor, who strongly criticised the methods of the prosecution in calling evidence which led to the production of cables and bank statements at the previous hearing, had since been handed some copies of the translations.

Commenting on the fact that the prosecution would not have been ready but for the calling of the witnesses at the last hearing, Mr. Lo asked His Worship to fix a date and also lay down that the prosecution must be ready within a certain time.

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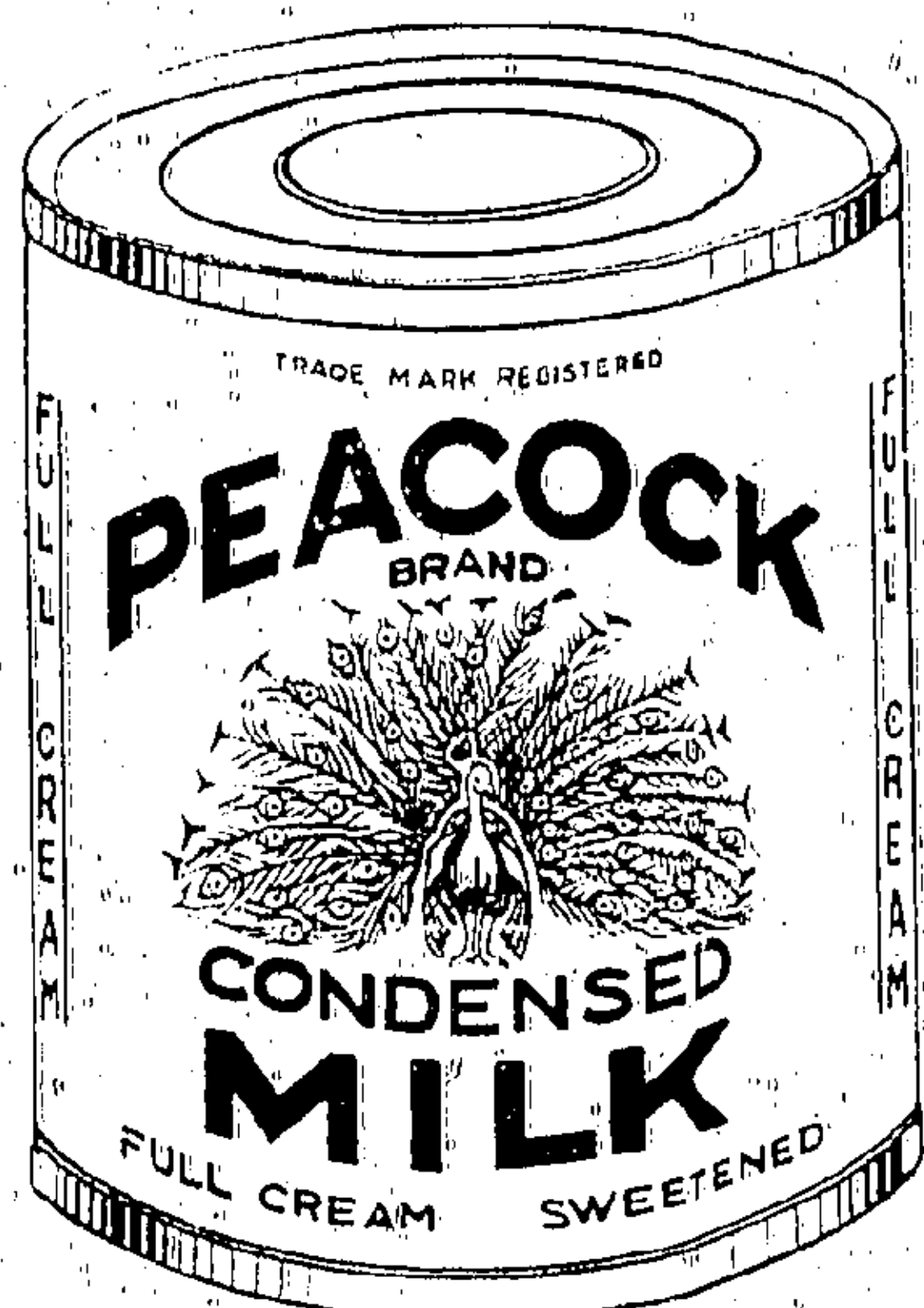
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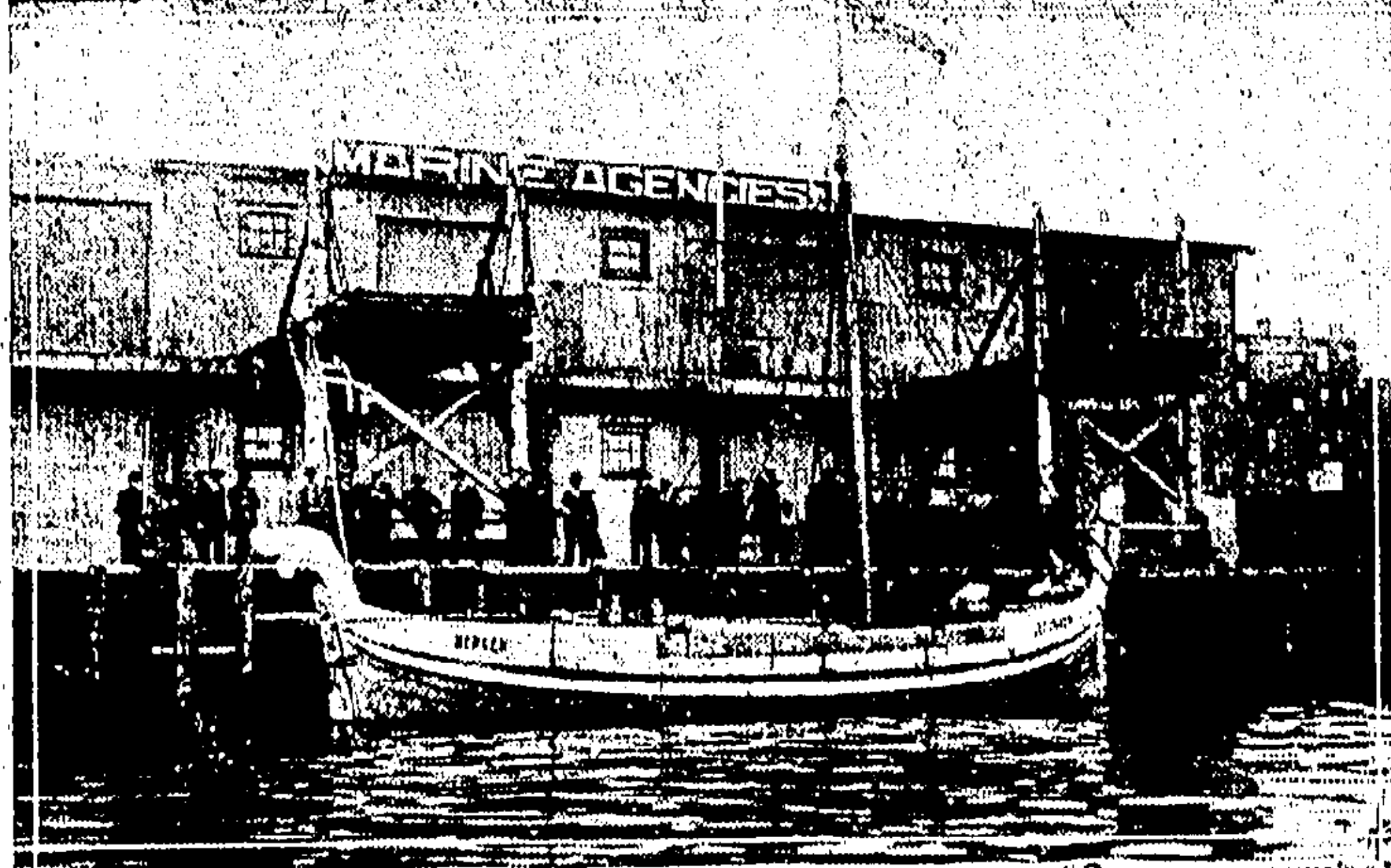
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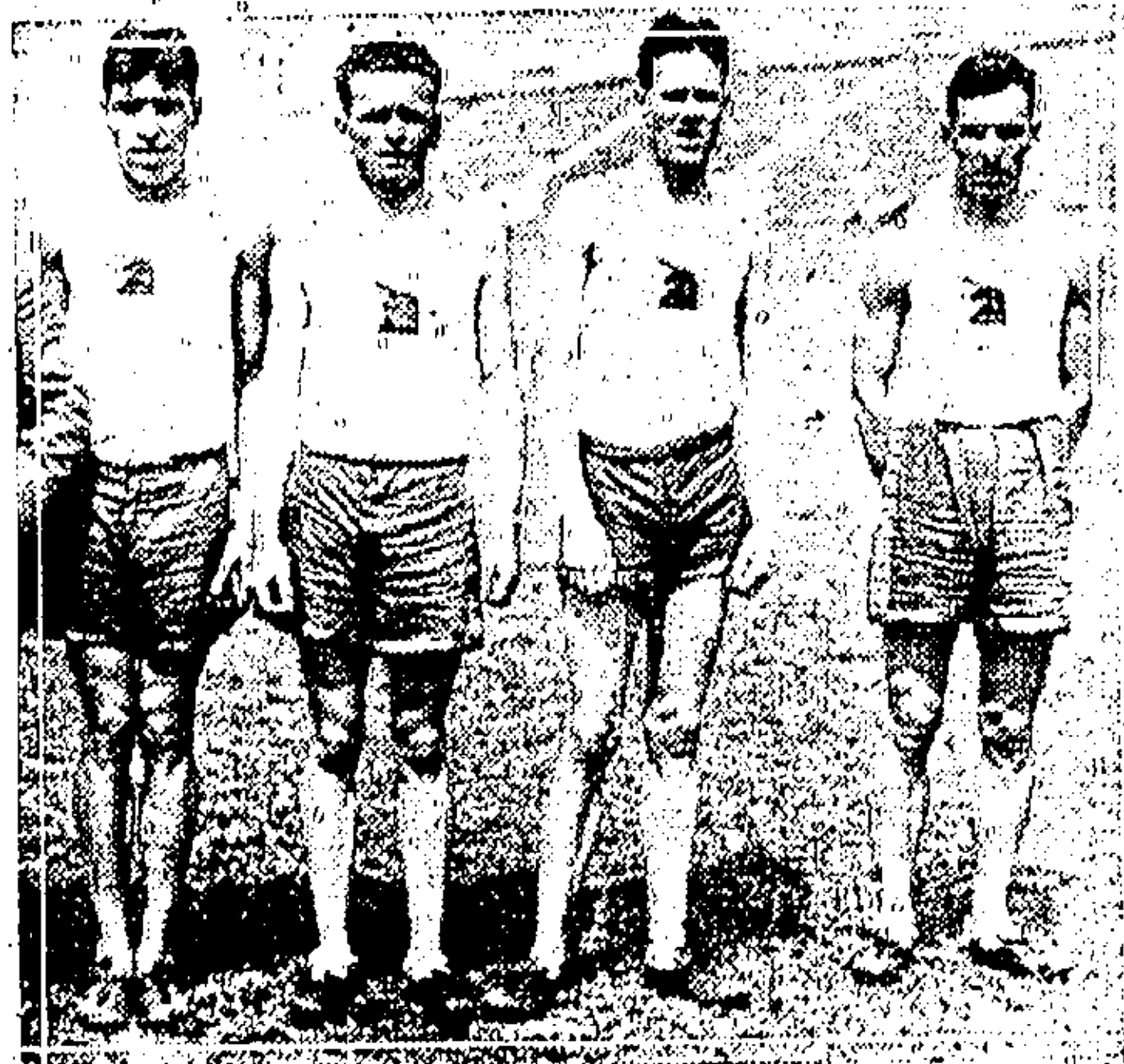
Dr. J. R. Hayes, who was President Lincoln's physician, is hale and hearty at 86. He enjoys cigars—the blacker the better.



The "Leif Ericsson," a replica of an old Viking ship which crossed the ocean all the way from Norway to attend the Sesqui-centennial at Philadelphia. It was photographed at St. John's, Newfoundland, where it stopped to replenish its food and water supplies. It was in ships of this type that the Old Vikings explored the northern parts of America, centuries ago.



Dr. George T. Grant, of Seattle, is shown at work in his laboratory, where he claims to have rediscovered an ancient Aztec method for hardening metals.



Charles Kusone, Lew Walsh, Sam Martin and Lloyd Hahn, relay team of the Boston Athletic Association, which set a new world's mark for the two-mile relay of 7 minutes 43.4 seconds at the national meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union at Philadelphia.



Ralph Ince, cinema producer,

obtained a licence to marry Lucila

Mendez, cinema actress.



Charlie Paddock, world's famous sprinter is to wed Bobb Daniels as the result of a five weeks' studio courtship, which started when Charlie went to the studio to take part in a picture that Miss Daniels is to star in. Photo shows Paddock and Miss Daniels in running togs; when Charlie was giving Miss Daniels some pointers on the start of a race.



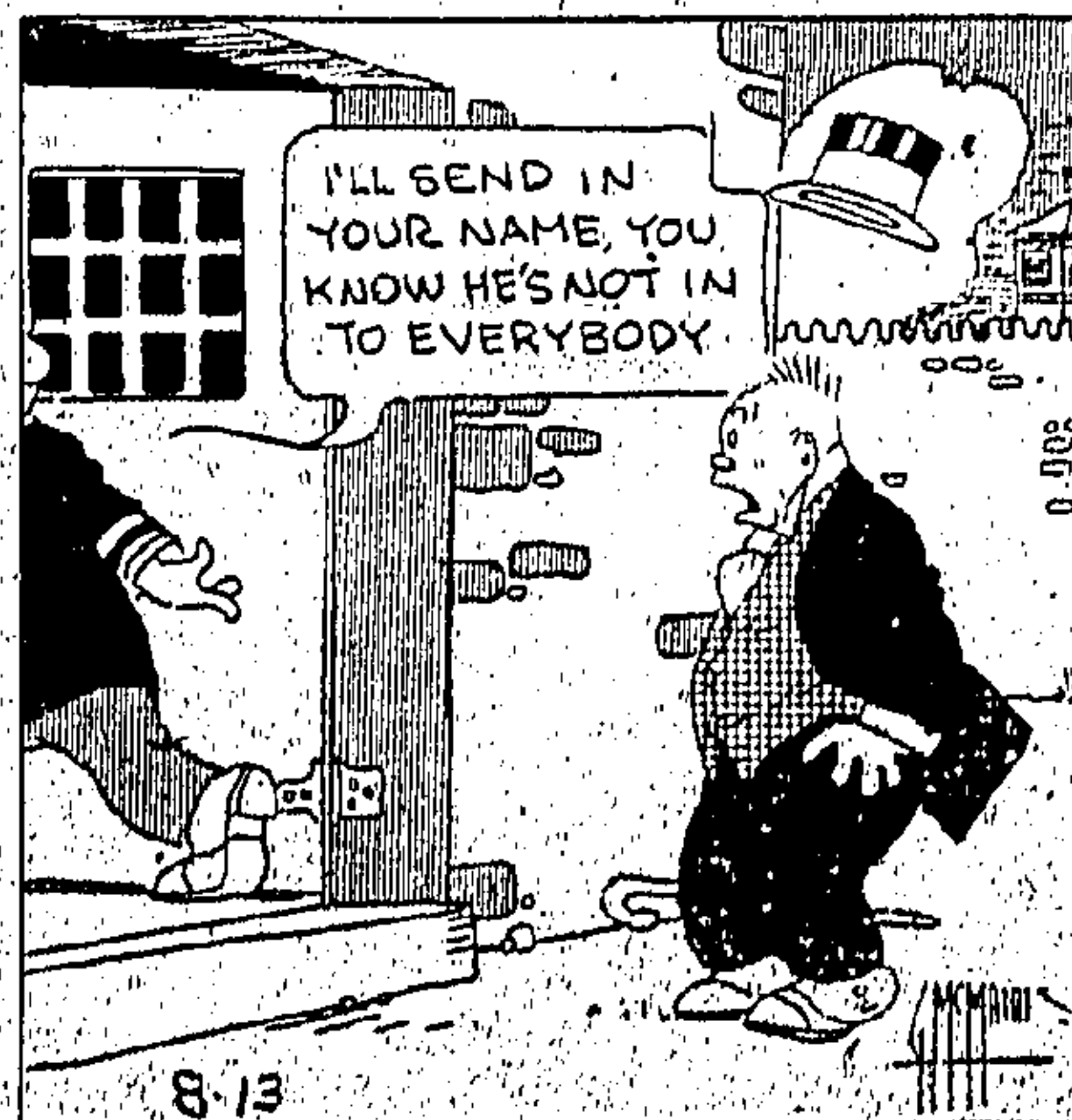
President Coolidge is continuing his policy of meeting with the newspaper correspondents each Tuesday and Friday. This custom was established at the beginning of his administration. The photo shows the President on the steps of "White Pine Camp," the Summer White House, with a group of newspaper men.



Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, Mr. Nicholas Longworth, and Mrs. Longworth, the former Alice Roosevelt, taking a stroll in Washington.

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### COAL "HOPES."

A DAY OF INTENSE  
ACTIVITY.  
MINERS' PROPOSALS.

London, Sept. 22. The miners' representatives' discussions with the Government late last night were followed by a day of intense activity. The miners have now submitted certain specific proposals as the basis of settlement, which the Cabinet, Coal-Committee, also experts of the Mines Department, examined this morning.—*Reuter.*

No Fresh News.

London, Sept. 22. Beyond an official statement that the Prime Minister, Mr. S. Baldwin, accompanied the Chancellor of the Exchequer and other members of the Cabinet who conversed with the officials of the Miners' Federation for three hours this afternoon in Downing Street, there is no indication of how the coal discussions are progressing; but the conversations will be resumed to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

Emergency Regulations.

London, Sept. 22. Parliament has been summoned for Monday to renew the Emergency Regulations owing to the continuance of the coal stoppage.—*Reuter.*

THREE-PARTY CONFERENCE.

Miners Pressing Prime Minister.

### WORLD COURT.

STUDY OF AMERICAN  
RESERVATIONS.  
FOUR ACCEPTABLE.

Geneva, Sept. 22. The Committee appointed by the signatories to the protocol to the Permanent Court of International Justice to study the American reservations referred to that the first four reservations should be accepted, and likewise the fifth, subject to certain conditions.

It points out that the application of some of the reservations would entail the conclusion of agreements between America and other signatories to the protocol.—*Reuter.*

[A Geneva cablegram of September 2 reported: General Smuts, South Africa; Sir E. Vincent, India; Sir Francis Bell, New Zealand; Sir George Foster, Canada; and a special representative of the Dominions Office, London, were among those present at the meeting of delegates of States who were signatory to The Hague protocol for the purpose of considering the American Senate's reservations as to the World Court statutes. Jonkheer Von Eysinga, Holland, presided at the meeting yesterday. In accordance with Von Eysinga's appeal to follow Sir Austen Chamberlain's advice and do their utmost to satisfy America's demands, the Council accepted the first pending of the first three American reservations, took a favourable view of the fourth reservation, on condition that it was first established whether a signatory International Convention could denounce it without consulting other members and whether any amendment of The Hague Protocol must be taken unanimously or by majority in conference. They accepted the first part of the fifth reservation and adjourned until to-day for consideration of the second part, which insists that the United States cannot be bound by advisory opinions rendered by The Hague Court without her consent. This is the real bone of contention.]

### AIR SERVICES.

LONDON TO KARACHI IN  
DECEMBER.  
MINISTER AS PASSENGER.

Rugby, Sept. 22. Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, Lady Hoare, and the personal staff of the Minister will be passengers on the first flight inaugurating a regular aeroplane service from London to Karachi (India) at the end of this year.

This announcement was made to-day by Sir Eric Geddes, Chairman of the Imperial Airways Company, which will conduct the service with State aid.—*British Wireless Service.*

### YEN'S RECOVERY.

GOLD EMBARGO STILL TO  
REMAIN.

Tokyo, Sept. 22. Though the yen will probably recover to par shortly, there is no immediate possibility of lifting the gold embargo, announced Mr. Kataoka, the new Finance Minister, in an interview with Pressmen.

He asserted that the removal of the embargo would result in an exodus of specie abroad, after which imports would increase, whilst convertible notes would contract unduly, thereby affecting the general economic condition and driving down exchange. Consequently he could not consider the raising of the embargo till the country's economic condition recovers its stability.—*Reuter.*

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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NOTICE.

With reference to the Regulation published in the "Gazette" of the 10th September, concerning the issue of receiving station licences under the Wireless Telegraphy Ordinance, 1926, it has been decided that the present arrangements will be allowed to continue until the 31st of December, 1926, and that receiving station licences will not be insisted upon until 1st January, 1927.

Application for the grant of receiving station licences may be made to the Postmaster General on or after 1st November, 1926, and any licences issued between 1st November and 31st December, 1926, will take effect as from 1st January, 1927.

Wireless Service between Hongkong and Canton is resumed.

### INWARD MAILS.

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### ROYAL VISITOR.

AMIR FAISAL TO SEE SIGHTS OF LONDON.

Rugby, Sept. 22. Amir Faisal, second son of Ibn Saud, King of Hedjaz and Sultan of Nejd, is arriving in London to-morrow on an unofficial visit to Britain. The British Consul at Jeddah is accompanying Amir Faisal and will be attached to him during his visit.—*British Wireless Service.*

### WANT MORE BEER.

CAUSE OF THE DUTCH MUTINY.

The Hague, Sept. 22. The latest accounts of the mutiny of the Dutch troops at Assen state that the trouble started with the refusal of the canteen orderly to comply with the men's demand for more beer.

The soldiers had just returned from a long route march in broiling weather. They got out of hand and wrecked the canteen.

The guard was summoned and cleared the building.

A major hurried to the scene and appealed to the men to disperse, but he was stoned. He then ordered the guard to fire a volley in the air, which incensed the mutineers, who became more threatening and started to sing the "Internationale."

The officer then ordered the guard to fire ball.

Serious disorders are reported from Ede, in the province of Gelderland.

There have been no fatalities.

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